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SUBJECT: JEWS HELD FOR TRESPASSING IN HEBRON

REF: JERUSALEM 1085

1. MILITARY GOVT ON AUG 16 AND 17 FORCED JEWS TO VACAT BUILDING IN FORMER JEWISH QUARTER OF HEBRON. ON AUGUST 16 THEY FORCIBLY REMOVED SEVERAL YESHIVA STUDENTS WHO WERE PRAYING IN PORTION OF BUILDING THEY HAD RESTORED AND DEDICATED AS SYNAGOGUE. FOLLOWING DAY 18 OUT OF GROUP OF 30 KIRYAT ARBA RESIDENTS WERE ARRESTED FOR PRAYING THERE AND ACCUSED OF TRESPASSING. JERUSALEM MAGISTRATE HAS ORDERED THEM HELD FOR FOUR DAYS AFTER THEY REFUSED TO SIGN STATEMENT AGREEING NOT TO REPEAT THEIR ACTION.

2. BUILDING WAS USED BY HADASSAH FOR SMALL HOSPITAL UNTIL 1929 ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN HEBRON. BETWEEN 1948 AND 1967 IT WAS REPORTEDLY USED FOR STORAGE BY UNRWA FOLLOWING SEIZURE BY JORDANIAN GOVT. ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST IT HAS BEEN USED BY LOCAL ARABS AS GOAT PEN SINCE 1967 WAR. MILGOVT
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CLAIMS IT IS ABANDONED PROPERTY NOW IN HANDS OF GOI.

KIRYAT ARBANS WHO HAVE FORMED SOCIETY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE OLD HEBRON JEWISH QUARTER CLAIM LEGAL OWNER, A JERUSALEM LAWYER, AVRAHAM FRANCO, TRANSFERRED TITLE TO THEM AND THAT MILGOVT IS INVOKING JORDANIAN LAW UNDER WHICH JEWISH PROPERTY WAS EXPROPRIATED.

3. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY TAKE POSITION THAT HOLDING JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN BUILDING IN CENTER OF HEBRON IS POTENTIALLY PROVOCATIVE AND COULD LEAD TO VIOLENCE. LEGAL NICETIES ASIDE, ISRAELI ACTION MAKES GOOD SENSE IN TERMS OF MINIMIZING CHANCES FOR FURTHER JEWISH-ARAB CLASHES IN HEBRON. MILITANT KIRYAT ARBANS ARE NOT EASILY DETERRED, HOWEVER, AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH JEWISH PRESENCE IN OLD JEWISH QUARTER OF TOWN.
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